

State Representative Eric Koch

House District 65

Legislative Survey



*Rep. Koch speaking at Shawswick Middle School on
Constitution Day.*

As the 2007 legislative session begins, I ask that you share your thoughts on important issues that our state will face. In the past, much of the legislation I have worked on has been initiated with proposals from those I represent.

Included in my newsletter is a legislative survey which I hope you will complete so that I know your opinions on topics which the General Assembly may be considering.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns, suggestions, or proposals for the 2007 session.

Best wishes,

Eric Koch
State Representative

How to Contact State Rep. Koch

If you have a question regarding state government, there are three ways you can contact Rep. Koch:

Mail

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Telephone

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12 Point Plan for Indiana's Progress

1. **Balance the 2008-09 State Budget** with no general tax increases, accounting gimmicks, or dedicated fund transfers to artificially balance Indiana's books.
2. **Crack Down on Illegal Immigration** by broadening State Police powers to enforce federal immigration laws and ensuring that state benefits are awarded only to legal Indiana residents.
3. **Expand our Job Creation Success** and promote job growth in the small business sector, where 75% of Hoosier jobs are created.
4. **Create Access to Affordable Healthcare** with common sense market-based solutions like providing tax credits for Worksite Health Programs, a Health Insurance Premium Deduction, and allowing coverage by a parent's policy until the age of 24.
5. **Reform the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)** by providing a 30-minute guarantee at the BMV and other measures to improve service and efficiency.
6. **Honor and Support Hoosier Veterans and Active Military** by increasing financial assistance to those who are serving today and their families, and honoring veterans for their service.
7. **Empower Indiana Schools** by providing more resources, more flexibility and more incentives for schools, teachers, parents, and students.
8. **End Partisan Gerrymandering** of Indiana's legislative and congressional districts for political gain by the party in control of the Indiana House at the end of each decade.
9. **Provide for Indiana's Energy Needs** with a focus on 'Hoosier Homegrown Energy' by making bio-diesel and ethanol more available to consumers and reducing our reliance on foreign oil.
10. **Get Tough on Crime** by requiring violent felons to serve more of their sentence, protecting children from Internet sexual predators, requiring federal background checks on caregivers of the elderly, and protecting all Hoosiers from identity theft, violent offenders, and meth dealers.
11. **Let Hoosiers Speak on Traditional Marriage** by voting in the 115th General Assembly on SJR7 – the amendment to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman – and placing SJR7 on a referendum ballot for Indiana voters to consider in November of 2008.
12. **Permanently Eliminate Taxpayer Funded Lifetime Healthcare Benefits** for House Members through legislation to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session. Last year, Republican Leader Brian Bosma eliminated the benefit administratively.

For more details, visit: http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans

Page Opportunities

Through the Indiana House Page Program, any student 13 years of age or older gets the chance to come to the Statehouse and see a full day of legislative activity. Along with visiting the capitol building and touring the governor's office, the chambers of the Indiana House and Senate and the Indiana Supreme Court, pages get the chance to see floor sessions and committee meetings and help staff members. Students who serve as pages receive an excused absence from school. Students interested in serving as a page for Rep. Koch can apply online at http://www.in.gov/legislative/house_republicans/student/pageindex.html or call the House Page Office at 1-800-382-9841.

Statehouse Visits

During the legislative session, I enjoy meeting with groups visiting the Statehouse from our district. If you or your organization are interested in visiting with me at the Statehouse, please contact my legislative assistant Eric Shields at 1-800-382-9841.

How Can I Help You?

As your state representative, I enjoy helping constituents with issues concerning state government. My office can assist constituents with matters such as cutting through bureaucratic red tape, support for grant requests, recognition of special occasions and accomplishments, and speaking requests. For constituent services, please contact my legislative assistant Eric Shields at 1-800-382-9841.



Fourth grade students from Sprunica Elementary visit Rep. Koch at the Statehouse on Statehood Day.



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Rep. Koch presents Indiana Arts Commission grants to: (Left) Peaceful Valley Chamber Players, Early Music in Motion, Friends of T.C. Steele State Historic Site, (Right) Lawrence County Historical & Genealogical Society, and North Lawrence Community Schools.

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